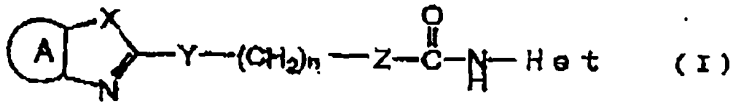
Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

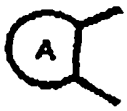
1-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Amended) Compounds represented by the formula (I)

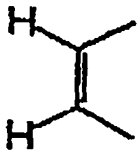


(I)

wherein



represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene, cyclohexane or naphthalene, or a group:



;

Het represents a substituted pyridyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

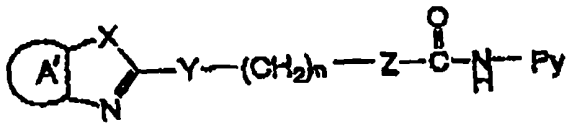
Y represents $-NR_4$ -, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

Z represents a single bond;

R_4 represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 2 to 15, or salts or solvates thereof.

10. (Previously Amended) The compounds according to claim 9, which are represented by the formula (IA)



(I A)

wherein

represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of;

Py represents a substituted pyridyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents -NR_4-, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

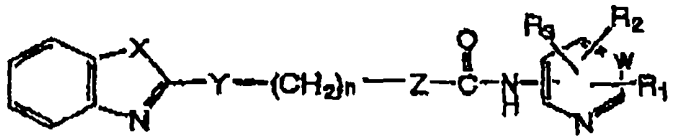
Z represents a single bond;

R_4 represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 2 to 15;

or salts or solvates thereof.

11. (Previously Amended) The compounds according to claim 9, which are represented by the formula (III)



(III)

wherein, W represents =CH-;

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents -NR_4-, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

Z represents a single bond;

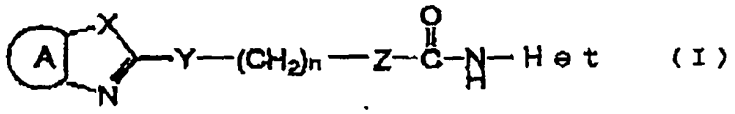
R_1, R_2, and R_3 are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a phosphate group, a

sulfonamide group, a lower alkylthio group or an optionally substituted amino group, or two of R_1, R_2, and R_3, together form an alkylenedioxide group, provided that R_1, R_2 and R_3 are not hydrogen at the same time;

R_4 represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 2 to 15, or salts or solvates thereof.

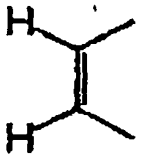
12. (Previously Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and at least one compound selected from the compounds represented by the formula (I)



(I)

wherein

represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene, cyclohexane or naphthalene, or a group:



;

Het represents a substituted pyridyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents -NR-, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

Z represents a single bond;

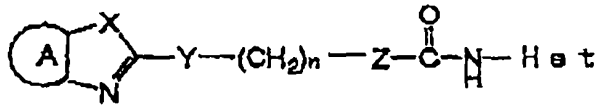
R_4 represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 2 to 15, or salts or solvates thereof.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Presently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 12 ~~or 13~~, which is a remedy or a medication for preventing hyperlipemia, arteriosclerosis, cerebrovascular accidents, ischemic heart disease, ischemic intestinal disease or aortic aneurysm.

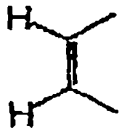
15. (Previously Amended) A method for treating hyperlipemia, arteriosclerosis, cerebrovascular accidents, ischemic heart disease, ischemic intestinal disease or aortic aneurysm by administering to a patient in need of such treatment a compound of the formula (I')



(I')

wherein

represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene, cyclohexane or naphthalene, or a group:



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Het represents substituted or unsubstituted pyridyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents -NR_4-, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

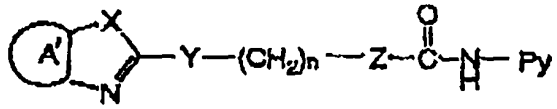
Z represents a single bond;

R_4 represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 1 to 15;

or salts or solvates thereof.

16. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein a compound of formula (I'A) is administered



(I'A)

wherein

represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene;

Py represents an optionally substituted pyridyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents $-NR_4-$, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

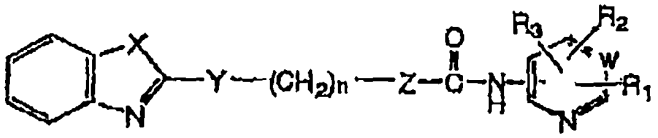
Z represents a single bond;

R_4 represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group;

n is an integer of from 1 to 15,

or salts or solvates thereof.

17. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein a compound of formula (III') is administered



(III')

wherein, W represents =CH-,

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents $-NR_4-$ an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

Z represents a single bond;

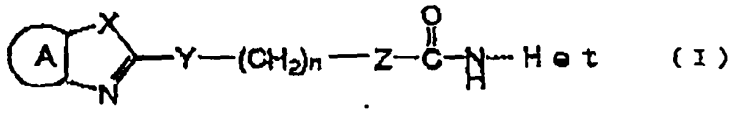
R_1, R_2, and R_3 are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a phosphate group, a sulfonamide group, a lower alkylthio group or an optionally substituted amino group, or two of R_1, R_2, and R_3, together form an alkylenedioxide group;

R_4 represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 1 to 15;

or salts or solvates thereof.

18. (Previously Amended) A method claim 15 wherein a compound represented by formula (I) is administered,



(I)

wherein

represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene;

Het represents a substituted or unsubstituted pyridyl group;

X is an oxygen atom;

Y is a sulfur atom;

Z is a single bond;

n is 1;

or salts or solvates thereof.